

CONTEXT

- Since late 2019, security conditions across much of Burkina Faso—particularly Boucle du Mouhoun, Centre-Nord, Est, Nord, and Sahel regions—have deteriorated rapidly, with increased armed group activity and intercommunal violence fueling one of the world’s fastest-growing displacement crises. As of December 2020, nearly 1.1 million Burkinabé were internally displaced, according to the UN, representing nearly double January 2020 totals.
- Although the pace of new displacement has slowed since September 2020, humanitarian needs continue to rise across Burkina Faso. As displacement becomes more protracted, humanitarian actors are transitioning to addressing longer-term vulnerabilities.
- As of early 2021, the UN estimated that 3.5 million people across Burkina Faso require humanitarian assistance in 2021, a 60 percent increase from January 2020 estimates. Reaching communities in need is a challenge; insecurity and limited infrastructure limits humanitarian access across much of Burkina Faso.
- The spread of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) in Burkina Faso and related restrictions have further exacerbated humanitarian needs, particularly protection needs, and reduced access to humanitarian protection services. COVID-19-related restrictions have also disrupted trade and livelihoods.
- The ongoing conflict and displacement crisis, as well as drought and other extreme weather events in some areas, have generated widespread food insecurity in Burkina Faso. At the peak of the June–September 2020 lean season, a Cadre Harmonisé (CH) food security analysis found that 2.2 million people across Burkina Faso were food-insecure, and more than 2.7 million people are projected to experience food insecurity in the 2021 lean season. A January 2021 Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) analysis projected that more than 630,000 children ages five years and younger will require treatment for wasting, a severe form of malnutrition, in 2021.



ASSISTANCE

- USAID’s Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance (USAID/BHA) has consistently provided both emergency and early recovery, risk reduction, and resilience (ER4) assistance in Burkina Faso. In Fiscal Year (FY) 2021, USAID/BHA is prioritizing support for internally displaced populations and host communities in conflict-affected areas, with the goal of meeting immediate humanitarian needs while developing long-term resilience through agriculture, food, health, and water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) activities, as well as other assistance.
- In partnership with the UN Children’s Fund (UNICEF), the UN World Food Program (WFP), and non-governmental organization (NGO) partners, USAID/BHA provides food assistance for populations in need across Burkina Faso, with a particular focus on Boucle du Mouhoun, Centre-Est, Centre-Nord, Est, Nord, and Sahel regions. USAID/BHA emergency food assistance programming—which is designed to reach nearly more than

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460,000 people across Burkina Faso in FY 2021—including the provision of food vouchers and cash transfers for food, as well as in-kind food assistance. USAID/BHA also provides nutrition assistance, including supporting malnutrition screening and treatment.

- Given the complex, multi-sector needs of conflict-affected populations, USAID/BHA supports a wide range of interventions—including for economic recovery and market systems, health, protection, and WASH support—across Burkina Faso. For example, a USAID/BHA NGO partner is working to provide shelter and WASH support to 7,000 people in Centre-Nord and Est in 2021. Additionally, recognizing the significant access challenges that complicate humanitarian response in the country, USAID/BHA supports the WFP-managed UN Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS), which began operating in Burkina Faso in October 2020; between October and December, the air service transported 179 passengers from 13 organizations to and from hard-to-reach locations in Burkina Faso.



Through the USAID/BHA-supported ViMPlus project, ACDI/VOCA continues to provide agricultural assistance to communities in Centre-Nord, including the delivery of small ruminants and poultry to this village in Centre-Nord's Bouroum Commune. Photo Credit: ViMPlus

- USAID/BHA began supporting activities to address humanitarian needs caused by the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020. USAID/BHA is supporting health and WASH services, including providing handwashing stations, WASH services and supplies, and training in COVID-19 prevention measures, as well as providing training and capacity-building for local health facilities and staff. As of January 2021, with USAID/BHA support, a UN agency had reached more than 500,000 people with COVID-19 control and prevention training and trained more than 800 community health volunteers in Est and Nord. Separately, in FY 2020, a USAID/BHA partner NGO provided health services to nearly 148,000 people and screened or triaged more than 126,000 people for COVID-19 in Centre-Nord.
- Since 2018, as part of Resilience in the Sahel Enhanced II (RISE II)—a USAID-wide initiative to build resilience in Niger and Burkina Faso—USAID/BHA has supported NGO partner ACDI/VOCA's Victory Against Malnutrition Plus (ViMPlus) program in Centre-Nord, which aims to build resilience and improve food security to vulnerable households. Amid deteriorating humanitarian conditions in Centre-Nord caused by worsening insecurity, flooding, and the COVID-19 pandemic, ViMPlus has adapted to serve as a bridge between humanitarian assistance and future longer-term development programming in conflict-affected areas. During the fiscal year, ViMPlus provided agricultural stabilizations packages to more than 14,600 households, provided cash transfers to restore nutritional balance for nearly 3,400 households, and provided disaster management training to 42 members of village development councils. In addition to ViMPlus, USAID/BHA supports regionwide ER4 activities focused on improving programming and supporting the development of stronger humanitarian structures in West Africa.

USAID/BHA Funding in Burkina Faso ¹			
	Emergency ²	ER4	TOTAL
FY 2020	\$63,133,931	\$11,039,345	\$74,173,276
FY 2021	\$29,629,064	-	\$29,629,064

¹ Year of funding indicates the date of commitment or obligation, not appropriation, of funds. Funding figures reflect publicly announced funding as of May 17, 2021. Totals include estimated value of food assistance and transportation costs at time of procurement; subject to change.

² Includes funding for programs that integrate ER4 activities with emergency response.